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SUBJ: PASOK SUPPORT FOR PALESTINIANS

1. ANDREAS PAPANDREOU, LEADER OF THE GREEK SOCIALIST PARTY, PASOK, MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT NOVEMBER 26:
"AT A TIME WHEN THE GREEK PEOPLE UNANIMOUSLY STRUGGLE FOR THE SURVIVAL AND FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF CYPRUS, GREECE'S ABSTAINING FROM THE VOTE IN THE UNITED NATIONS FOR RECOGNIZING THE RIGHT OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES FROM WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN UPROOTED IS INADMISSIBLE. THIS POSITION STANDS AS A PROOF OF THE CONTINUED DIRECTION OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY BY THE PENTAGON AND NATO. PASOK UNRESERVEDLY TAKES A POSITION BY THE SIDE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE WHO ARE ENTITLED AFTER SO VERY MANY HAZARDS AND SO MANY STRUGGLES TO CREATE ITS OWN INDEPENDENT AND SOVEREIGN STATE."

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2. JOSEPH LOVINGER, PRESIDENT OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

ORGANIZATION IN ATHENS, VOLUNTEERED TO EMBOFF THAT PAPANDREOU STATEMENT WAS IRONIC IN VIEW OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT WHICH PASOK HAD RECEIVED FROM ISRAELI SOCIALISTS, THE OLD MAPAI, DURING RECENT CAMPAIGN. ISRAELI MISSION HERE VIEWS AS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THIS ALLEGATION OF ISRAEL SOCIALIST FINANCING AND SUGGESTS ONLY TWO COMMUNIST PARTIES IN ISRAEL COULD CONCEIVABLY HAVE SERVED AS CONDUIT FOR ANY FUNDS, ADDING FURTHER THOUGHT THAT MORE LIKELY LIBYANS AND IRAQUIS MIGHT HAVE FUNDED ANDREAS COVERTLY.

3. PAPANDREOU STATEMENT MADE ONLY SMALL SPLASH. IT IS INDICATIVE OF PARTISAN CHARACTER OF HIS APPROACH TO INTERNATIONAL ISSUES AND HIS APPARENT POLICY TO TAKE ANY OCCASION TO SEEK TO EMBARRASS GOG FOR FOLLOWING ANY POLICIES CONTRARY TO PASOK'S NEUTRALIST, THIRD WORLD AND ANTI-AMERICAN LINE, PARTICULARLY WHEN SUCH A GOG STANCE COINCIDES WITH THAT OF U.S.

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